

House Resolution No. 572

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives has tremendous esteem for Show-Me State high school newspapers whose high standards, traditions of excellence, and emphasis on school involvement has brought glory and honor to itself, its staff, and its community; and

Whereas, the North Star, a student newspaper published by students at Francis Howell North High School, won its first national Top 10 award when it was chosen Third Place in the Best of Show - newsmagazine category during the National Scholastic Press Association's fall convention held in November 2004, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, on the cover of its October 14, 2004, issue, the North Star featured a dramatic close-up of a girl's eyes with George Bush's face reflected in her right eye and John Kerry's reflected in her left eye, and a description of the two presidential candidates as: "One choked on a pretzel. The other one married into ketchup"; and

Whereas, the October 14, 2004, edition of the North Star also featured a center spread on the 2004 presidential election with a focus on health care, economics, national security, civil rights, and education; and

Whereas, the staff of the North Star earned two national awards during fall 2003: the George H. Gallup Award from Quill and Scroll and All-American recognition from the National Scholastic Press Association:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the North Star for being chosen Third Place in the National Scholastic Press Association's Best of Show contest and to convey to its student staff and faculty advisor, Aaron Manfull, this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Francis Howell North High School North Star newspaper.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14

Representative Sally A. Faith
District No. 15

Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 572, adopted February 16, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker